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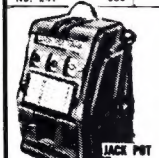

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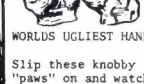

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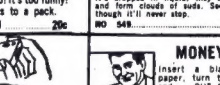

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CIRCLE OF TERROR

DEADMAN'S TOMB

THE DEVIL YOU SAY?!

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD A STRANGE VOICE WHISPER, "COME WITH ME INTO THE *BLACKEST* DEPTHS OF *EVIL* WHERE ETERNAL *AGONY* WAITS!... ONE MAN DID--AND DISCOVERED THE *UNBEARABLE* TERROR...

CIRCLE OF TERROR

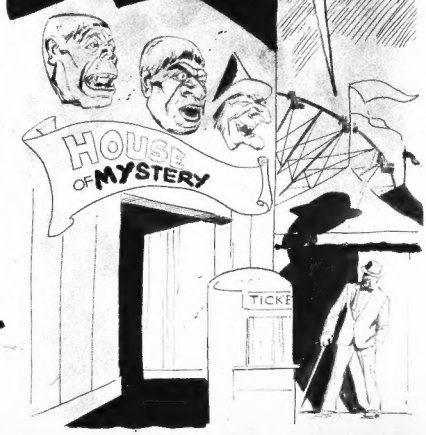
WILL WE NEVER BE *FREE* OF THE FLAMES? WE ARE *DOOMED!*

WH--WHERE AM I?? WHO ARE THESE *CREATURES??*

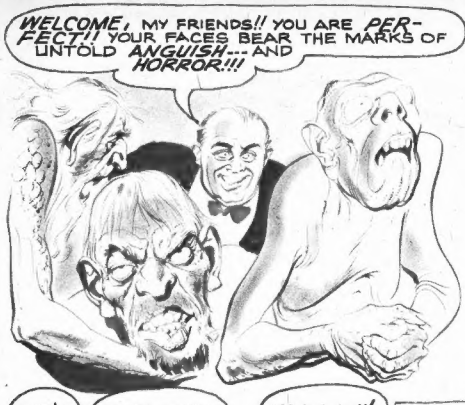
AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF A SMALL, MID-WESTERN CITY, A MAN STANDS BEFORE THE *BROKEN, EMPTY* REMNANTS OF A ONCE-GAY CARNIVAL, BROODING *GRIMLY* ON HIS MISFORTUNE...

NOT A *SIGN* OF BUSINESS! THEY HAVEN'T BEATEN ALEX GRAHAM *YET!* I'LL THINK OF *SOMETHING!!*

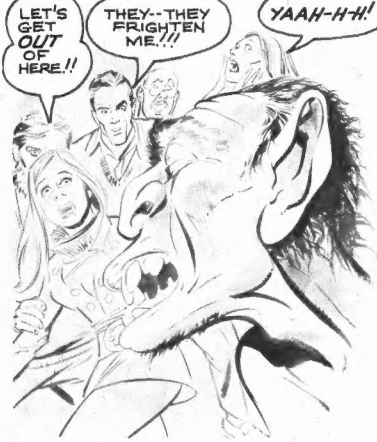
I KNOW!!! WHAT THIS PLACE NEEDS IS A NEW "*SPOOK*" HOUSE--ONE THAT WILL SCARE THE *WITS* OUT OF EVERYBODY AND *DRAG* IN THE *CROWDS!!*



I'LL FILL IT WITH CREATURES THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN!! HALF-HUMAN MONSTERS FROM A SECRET, EVIL WORLD!!! AND I KNOW JUST THE PERSON TO HELP ME...!!!
IN AN OBSCURE SECTION OF THE CITY, ALEX COMES UPON A HAG WHO HAS A SECRET BOOK!
LISTEN, SISTER OF THE DEVIL! I WISH TO PURCHASE YOUR BOOK ON THE BLACK ARTS!
TAKE IT!! IT IS YOURS!! BUT BEWARE-- TO STEP FURTHER INTO THE INNER CIRCLE OF EVIL IS TO MOVE CLOSER TO THE LAND OF THE DAMNED!!
NEVER FEAR, OLD WOMAN!! THE LAND OF THE DAMNED IS FAR FROM THE GROUNDS OF MY CARNIVAL!!
THE INCANTATION IS WORKING!! THEY'RE STARTING TO FORM!!
THAT NIGHT, A LONE FIGURE BEGINS A PERILOUS JOURNEY INTO THE DARKEST CORNERS OF LIFE, GUIDED ONLY BY WORDS NEVER BEFORE REVEALED TO MAN'S PRYING EYES!
BRING FROM THE ENDLESS PATHWAYS OF TIME THE DOOMED, EVIL AND THE TERRIBLE!! ENCASE THEM IN WAX SO THAT THEY BELONG TO ME!!!


WELCOME, MY FRIENDS!! YOU ARE PERFECT!! YOUR FACES BEAR THE MARKS OF UNTOLD ANGUISH--- AND HORROR!!!

HAVING SUCCEEDED IN HIS PURPOSE, ALEX RE-OPENS THE CARNIVAL TO A CURIOUS PUBLIC--EAGERLY AWAITING THEIR REACTION TO THE STARTLING REALISM OF HIS EXHIBIT!...
COME ONE, COME ALL!!! SEE THE HIDDEN CREATURES OF THE NIGHT BROUGHT TO VIVID LIFE!


LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!
THEY--THEY FRIGHTEN ME!!!
YAAH-H-H!

CAUGHT UP IN THE FLAME OF FEAR, THE PEOPLE BEGIN TO RUSH WILDLY FROM THE SCENE -- AND SOON, EVEN ALEX'S HELPERS BEGIN TO BALK!!...
SORRY BOSS, BUT I'M NOT PLAYING NURSE-MAID TO--TO THEM!!!
FOOL!!! GET OUT OF HERE!!!

THEY'RE ALL FOOLS!!! ONE QUICK GLANCE AT EVIL AND THEY RUN LIKE FRIGHTENED RABBITS!!! IF THEY ONLY KNEW...

HIS MIND UNHINGED BY FAILURE, ALEX SEIZES THE DREADED BOOK TO UTTER A THOUGHT THAT HAD ONLY LURKED IN THE SHADOWS BEFORE---
BRING ME TO YOUR BLACKEST, DEEPEST PIT, SPIRITS OF DARKNESS!!! I MUST LEARN YOUR SECRETS!!!

YAAIEE-E-E-E
WH--WHAT'S THAT?

WHAT ARE DOING HERE ?? EVERYONE HAS GONE!!!
I--I ONLY STEPPED IN HERE TO REST!! B-BUT THOSE WAX FIGURES!! I SAW---THEM MOVE!!!

AS THE TERROR-STRICKEN HOBO SPEAKS, THE WAX CREATURES, WITH FACES TWISTED INTO GHASTLY MASKS OF LIVING DEATH, BEGIN TO MOVE AS IN A TRANCE!...
THEY'VE COME TO LIFE!!!
--AND THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY!!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US???
YO ASKED TO LEAP INTO THE DEEPEST PIT OF EVIL!! NOW YOU WILL SEE!!!

LET ME GO!!!
YOU HAVE STEPPED BEYOND THE POINT OF RETURN!! YOU WERE WARNED!!! AND BECAUSE THIS MAN IS PRESENT, HE MUST GO WITH YOU!!

SUDDENLY, THE DOOMED PAIR FIND THEMSELVES WHIRLING IN SPACE--- CARRIED OUT OF TIME INTO COMPLETE AND UTTER CHAOS!!
YAAAH-H!!!
AIEE-EE!!

WHERE ARE WE.??
LOOK!! THERE'S A LIGHT IN THE DISTANCE!! LET'S HURRY TO IT.!!
RUSHING FRANTICALLY TOWARDS THE STRANGE LIGHT, THE PAIR ARE CONFRONTED BY A SIGHT THAT FREEZES THEIR BLOOD-- A REPULSIVE PICTURE OF AGONY TERROR!..
THIS MUST BE THE BLACKEST, DEEPEST PIT OF EVIL!!! THE LAND WHERE THE WRETCHED OF THE EARTH ARE DOOMED TO SPEND THEIR DAYS...
OHH-H-H-H.!!!
OHHH-H-H.!!!
THE FLAMES!!
THE FLAMES!!!
HELP US!! HELP US!! THE FIRE SCORCHES US.. BUT WE CANNOT DIE!!!
NO-O-O.!! DON'T TOUCH ME!!!
ONWARD THROUGH THE FIERY MAZE, THE PAIR WAS CONFRONTED ON ALL SIDES BY THE DAMNED!!
L-LOOK!! A CLIFF!! MAYBE WE COULD HIDE THERE.!!!
YES!! YES!!
THERE IS BUT ONE ESCAPE!!! TO DIE-E-E.!!
AAARGH-H-H!!

THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT OF HERE! THERE MUST!!
FLEEING WITH THE DESPERATION OF THE TRAPPED, THE PAIR STUMBLE UPON YET ANOTHER SIGHT OF OVERWHELMING HORROR!!
YAAGH-H-H!!
YAAH-H-H!!
AAAAH-H!
HERE'S A DOOR! BUT I...I CAN'T REACH THE KNOB!!!
THERE'S NO END TO THIS PASSAGE!! EVERYTHING LEADS US BACK TO THE LAND OF THE DAMNED!!!
WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE!!! NEVER! NEVER!!!
SUDDENLY, THE TWO AGAIN FEEL THEMSELVES WHIRLING MADLY THROUGH SPACE--OUT OF THE INFERNAL KINGDOM OF THE LIVING DEAD!!...
WE ARE DOOMED LIKE THE OTHERS!! ENDLESSLY DOOMED

WE'RE BACK IN THE WORLD OF REALITY! BUT WHAT---
THE PLACE IS IN FLAMES!!
HORROR

LOOK!!! THEIR FACES!!! LIKE THOSE OF THE CREATURE--IN THAT OTHER WORLD!! I UNDERSTAND NOW!! I'VE BUILT MY OWN LAND OF THE DAMNED HERE ON EARTH!!! AND I AM IT'S KING!!!

I AM ITS KING!!! AND I WILL NEVER LEAVE IT NOW!!! HA! HA! HA! HA!

FRANTICALLY, THE HOBO--CRAZED BY PAIN AND TERROR-- RUSHES FROM THE BLAZING ROOM, AFRAID TO LOOK BACK AT THE SEARED BODIES BEHIND HIM...
AHH-H-H!!!

SAY, BUD, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING??
I HOPE THERE'S NOBODY LEFT IN THAT INFERNO!

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD A STRANGE VOICE WHISPER "COME WITH ME INTO THE BLACKEST DEPTHS OF EVIL"? IF YOU HAVE-- DO NOT DO NOT ANSWER, OR YOU WILL PAY THE PRICE!!
INFERNO!!! INFERNO!! INFERNO! INFERNO! INF!...
THE END

DEADMAN'S TOMB

CONSTRUCTION ON KARL DRESDEN'S HOUSE BEGAN... THE FOUNDATION OF WHICH WAS THE SICKLY MUCK OF A BURIAL GROUND...
WHAT A STENCH!
MY LORD LOOK!

UGH-H! IT'S GHASTLY!
I--I KNOW! BUT, START DIGGING! WE'VE GOT TO FINISH! WE GOT A TIME LIMIT!

SOON, THE MANSION WAS COMPLETED... A MAJESTIC VILLA... STARING DOWN AT A STRETCH OF LAND, BARREN AND FALLOW!

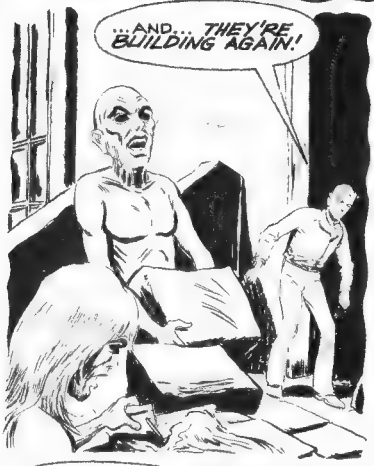
WHAT IS THIS? CEMENT... GRANITE... TOOLS! I THOUGHT THE MEN TOOK EVERYTHING WITH THEM! I... I'M JUMPY! I BETTER GET SOME SLEEP!

NO MORE CLANKING OF TOOLS! EVERYTHING'S SO STILL! OH, SNAP OUT OF IT! A WALK WILL DO ME GOOD!

THAT NIGHT, DRESDEN HAD BLACK HIDEOUS NIGHTMARES!
TOOLS-- GRANITE- CLANK WHL
WHAT IS THAT?
WHAT TH'... THOSE MEN... THEY'RE BUILDING WITH THOSE TOOLS...
THEY'RE WORKING ON MY PROPERTY! I'LL PUT A STOP TO THAT!
BUT DRESDEN FOUND ONLY SILENCE...
THEY'VE GONE! BUILT THIS WALL, I'LL SHOW THEM THEY CAN'T BUILD HERE!
I'LL... I'LL DEMOLISH IT! UNNN-H! WHY... THE HAMMER BOUNCES RIGHT OFF! IT'S HARDLY DENTED!

THE NEXT NIGHT, KARL DRESDEN WAITED IN THE SHADOWS.
THAT UNFINISHED WALL... SOMETHING EERIE ABOUT IT. I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS!

I THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING! YES, THERE THEY ARE! UGH... HOW UGLY... ALMOST HUMAN!...


...AND... THEY'RE BUILDING AGAIN!

THE HOURS TICKED BY. THE WALL GROWING LIKE A MONSTER... SUDDENLY...
HOW LONG?... WAIT THEY'RE GOING! NOW I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE BUILDING!

IT... IT LOOKS LIKE A HUT! NO... IT COULDN'T BE THAT! I CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE IT OUT.

WHAT IS IT? WHY IS IT HERE? WHY?!!

AS THE NIGHTS PASSED DRESDEN HEARD THE SOUNDS OF CONSTRUCTION! THEN!
WH-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
KARL DRESDEN, WE HAVE FINISHED! YOU WILL JOIN US!

THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE BUILDING...A... A...NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE!
YOU AND YOUR MANSION HAVE VIOLATED THE SANCTITY OF DEATH!

YES... FOR WE HAVE *BUILT YOUR TOMB!*
YA-A-A!

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME? LET ME GO!
YOU ARE GOING TO YOUR RESTING PLACE!

GO, KARL DRESDEN... *JOIN THE DEAD...* THE DEAD YOU HAVE UPROOTED!
NO! NOT HERE!

THUS THE STRUCTURE WAS COMPLETE.. IT'S PURPOSE SERVED ONCE IT WAS OCCUPIED!
A!EEEEE

THE END

THE DEVIL YOU SAY?!

SO YOU DON'T THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH *SATAN?* FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE DISBELIEVERS WE GIVE YOU THE STORY OF GAMBLER "FLASH" CRANDALL WHO DEALT WITH THE *DEVIL HIMSELF*... AND *LOST!!*

IN A GAMBLING DEN, "FLASH" CRANDALL'S *DESTINY* RIDES ON THE GLISTENING ROULETTE WHEEL AS IT WHIRLS METHODICALLY ON ITS AXIS, THEN CLICKS TO A *FATEFUL HALT*...

SUDDENLY, SEDLEY SLADE, THE CASINO'S PROPRIETOR, APPEARS AT THE ROULETTE TABLE AND CONFRONTS CRANDALL WITH A *DIABOLICAL* GRIN...

LATER THAT EVENING IN CRANDALL'S APARTMENT...
OF ALL THE MISERABLE LUCK! THE DEVIL HIMSELF COULDN'T CHANGE MY LUCK! OR COULD HE? AH, BUT WHY TALK ABOUT THE DEVIL... HE'S JUST FICTITIOUS NONSENSE...
SUDDENLY!
I HEARD YOU CALL, "FLASH" CRANDAL! AND IF YOU WISH, WE CAN MAKE A DEAL!!
THE DEVIL HAS NO DIFFICULTY CONVINCING CRANDALL TO INK THE PACT THAT WILL MAKE THE GAMBLER UNBEATABLE!
I MUST BE MAD, BUT IF THIS IS TRUE I'LL BE INVINCIBLE! AND NOW TO TRY MY LUCK ON GEDLEY SLADE! HA! HA! HA!
SPIN THE WHEEL FOR THE LAST TIME MR. GROUPIER!
IF YOU WIN THIS TIME CRANDALL, YOU'LL BREAK ME!
AND EVEN AS THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE SPINS "FLASH" CRANDALL SMILES ARROGANTLY, AND TRIUMPHANTLY.
I WIN AGAIN SLADE! YOU'RE BANKRUPT! HA-HA-HA...

WITH HIS ALREADY GROTESQUE FEATURES STRAINED WITH ANGUISH AND HATE SLADE LUNGES RECKLESSLY AT CRANDALL WITH A KNIFE.
CRANDALL, YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!
IT SEEMS RIDICULOUS, BUT I'D SWEAR THAT THE KNIFE SEEMED TO TURN ON HIM LIKE A BOOMERANG!
SLADE'S GRUESOME DEATH FAILS TO PERTURB "FLASH" CRANDALL WITH HIS LUST FOR WEALTH, HE PROCEEDS TO ANOTHER GAMBLING HALL...
AFTER BREAKING THE CASINO'S BANK, "FLASH" JOINS KIT MARTIN, THE CLUBS VOCALIST, AT THE BAR
HERE'S A "TOAST "FLASH"... TO YOUR LUCK...
HEH! HEH! HEH! LUCK! WITH WHAT I'VE GOT, WHO NEEDS LUCK!
A DEATH HEAD ON THE BACK OF HAND!
YOUR DRINKS MR. CRANDALL GOOD LUCK TO YOU!
LATER IN CRANDALL'S APARTMENT...
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I'VE BEATEN YOU AGAIN ASTOR!
YOU'VE COMPLETELY RUINED ME! YOU...YOU... DEVIL!

AIEEAA!!

ALTHOUGH GRANDALL HAS BECOME UPSET OVER THE *HORRIBLE MURDERS,* HE CONTINUES TO GAMBLE AND WIN... AND SQUANDER HIS *ILLGAINED FORTUNE* LAVISHLY...
PICK OUT ANYTHING YOU LIKE... AND DON'T EVEN LOOK AT THE PRICE TAGS!

BUT, AS GRANDALL SEES THE SALESLADY...
NO!
NO!

LATER, GRANDALL TELLS KIT MARTIN OF HOW HE SIGNED THE PACT WITH THE *MASTER OF HELL...*
MAYBE IF YOU STOP GAMBLING, HE WILL FREE YOU.
FREE ME? NEVER! I'M HIS SLAVE! HE'S WITH ME ALWAYS!

LATE THE NEXT EVENING, "FLASH" GRANDALL RETURNS FROM STILL *ANOTHER LUSTFUL AND LUCRATIVE* TOUR OF THE CITY'S GAMBLING DENS.
YOU...!

GOOD EVENING, GRANDALL. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU. I JUST CAME TO SEE HOW *WE* WERE GETTING ON... AND IF YOU REMEMBER OUR AGREEMENT
I'M FINISHED! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!

FOOL YOU HAVE SIGNED, MR. CRANDALL! YOU SHALL REPAY ME... IF NECESSARY WITH YOUR LIFE! THERE IS NO WAY OUT!

DRIVEN MORE BY FEAR THAN COURAGE, CRANDALL RIPS THE DOOM-SEALING CONTRACT FROM SATAN'S WHITE-HOT FINGERS AND HURLS IT INTO THE LEAPING FLAMES IN THE FIREPLACE.
HA-HA-HA! FREE

HE'S GONE!

GONE! I'VE BEATEN HIM! I'VE VANQUISHED SATAN HIMSELF! HA-HA... HA-HA-HA...

THE CRAZED GAMBLER RUSHES TO THE CLUB TO TELL KIT THE STARTLING NEWS.
KIT! I'VE BEATEN HIM! BEATEN SATAN, DO YOU HEAR! I FOUGHT FIRE WITH FIRE AND HE BACKED DOWN AND DISAPPEARED BEATEN! BEFORE MY EYES! HA-HA-HA...

FREE AT LAST! AND I'VE GOT MILLIONS! WE...

KIT!!

NO! NOT KIT-- NOOO! N...

HEE! HA! HA! HEE! HA! HA! HA! HEE! HA! HA!

AND THUS YOU SEE, THE LEGEND THAT THE DEVIL MUST BE PAID HIS DUE IS MORE THAN MERE LEGEND!!!
HA-HA-HA! AND SO ANOTHER WEAK FOOL HAS COME TO JOIN OUR RANKS! HE SHOULD KNOW THAT ONCE ONE DEALS WITH THE DEVIL, THERE IS NO WAY TO BREAK THE SEAL OF SATAN!!!
THE END

THINGS OF EVIL

CRISTOFACHS

JOHN ANDER WAS THE CITY MORGUE STATISTICIAN! FOR A LONG TIME, HE HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN FATAL ACCIDENTS-- AND NOW HE WAS ON THE TRACK OF DISCOVERY AT LAST!

ARMED WITH HIS EARTH-SHAKING KNOWLEDGE, ANDERS KNEW TO THE SECOND WHEN AN ACCIDENT WOULD HAPPEN! HE APPROACHED THE CROWDED DOWNTOWN THOROUGHFARE AS A BIRD WOULD A SNAKE...
THAT MAN IS CROSSING THE STREET--DOESN'T SEE THE TRUCK COMING!
HEY, MISTER! GET OUT OF THE WAY! WATCH OUT FOR THAT TRUCK!
WHA...
...AH-A-A-A
ANDERS HAD CLOSED HIS EYES FOR ONE HORRIBLE SECOND--BUT HE COULD NEVER DEAFEN HIS EARS TO THE SICKENING THUD OF THE IMPACT! IT WAS THEN THAT HE SAW THE GNOME!
HEE, HEE...HA, HA...ANOTHER ONE!
I SAW THAT--THAT THING!--OR WHAT EVER HE WAS--PUSH THE MAN TOWARDS THE TRUCK! BUT NO ONE ELSE SEEMS TO HAVE SEEN HIM! STOP, YOU!
STOP!
BUT THE GNOME DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE! ANDERS NOW WALKED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY, AND GRIMLY WATCHED AGAIN...
ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THAT SAFE IS GOING TO FALL!
NOW ANOTHER SHADOWY FORM MATERIALIZED ON TOP OF THE SAFE...
JUST A SNIP, SNIP, SNIP--AND IT WILL FLIP, FLIP, FLIP--ON THAT MORTAL'S HEAD! HE, HE...HA, HA, HA!
WATCH OUT! OHHHH!

THIS TIME, ANDERS RESOLVED TO TRACE THAT EVIL CACKLING FIGURE! NIGHT HAD FALLEN! THE MORGUE STATISTICIAN PURSUED HIS QUARRY...
APPARENTLY, IT'S INVISIBLE TO EVERYONE BUT ME...
HA, HA... HEE, HEE... BACK TO THE GROTTO FOR ME!
MINUTES LATER, HE HAD FOLLOWED THE STRANGE GNOME TOWARDS THE RAILROAD DEPOT OF THE CITY!
LITTLE DO THESE PEOPLE KNOW, THAT I'M ON THE VERGE OF FINDING A SECRET OF THE AGES! IT'S FOR THEIR BENEFIT! --AND I CAN'T TELL THEM YET!
HE'S GOING INTO THAT TUNNEL! I MUSTN'T LOSE HIM!
DOWN, DOWN--EVER DOWNWARD THAT HIDEOUS FORM TRAVELED--PAST DRIPPING, OOZING LABYRINTHS OF SLIME...
CRUMKIN, FRANKIN, AND LUMPKIN SHALL BE GLAD TO SEE ME TONIGHT! HEE, HEE... TWO MORE HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF NICELY! HA-HA... HEE, HEE...
HEE, HEE... BEHOLD! IT IS SHRUMPKIN! HO! EVERYONE OUT! HEE, HEE... TELL US WHAT HAPPENED! TELL US! TELL US! HA, HA...!
WHAT IS THIS! THIS HAS TO BE A NIGHTMARE! IT HAS TO BE!

BUT AS JOHN ANDERS LOOKED ABOUT, HE SAW BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF LIGHTS AND WEIRD INSTRUMENTS EVERYWHERE...
WHAT IS THIS! WHERE AM I?
SHRUMPKIN WAS SUCCESSFUL! HA...HA...HEE, HEE... DANCE, DANCE DANCE!
--GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE-- WARN OTHERS!!
WAIT! THERE'S SOMEONE THERE! I SEE A SHADOW IN THAT CORRIDOR!
IT'S A HUMAN! QUICKLY-- STOP HIM! HE WILL MAKE OUR EXISTENCE KNOWN! CATCH HIM! CATCH HIM!
WE SHALL EAT WELL TONIGHT! HA, HA, HAW...
I HAVE HIM! HE IS WELL-BUILT! HE WILL PROVIDE US MANY MEALS! HA, HA... LET US COOK HIM WELL! DRAG HIM BACK TO THE GROTTO!
NO! LET ME ALONE! HELP!
SHOUT ALL YOU WANT, MORTAL! NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU! WE CANNOT LET YOU EXPOSE US! WE HATE PEOPLE!
YA-A-A-AH! PLEASE LET GO OF ME! I'LL DO ANYTHING!

THEY PULLED AT ANDERS-- BUT THE DESPERATE MAN BROKE LOOSE AND RAN FOR HIS VERY LIFE!
YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME! I-I'LL WIN YET! PUFF-PUFF...
HE IS CHEATING US OUT OF OUR DINNER! DO NOT LET HIM ESCAPE!
GASP...GASP... I-I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY WAY BACK TO THE SURFACE! --I MUSTN'T WEAKEN-- MUSTN'T!
KILL HIM! WE'D LIKE TO EAT HIM ALIVE! BUT KILL HIM IF NECESSARY! HA, HA...
BACK THROUGH THOSE MAKE OF PASSAGEWAYS HE RAN... BACK... BACK... UNTIL HE REACHED THE LAST CORRIDOR... AND THE SURFACE WORLD!
YOU'LL NOT ESCAPE! NO HUMAN CAN LOOK UPON US AND LIVE!
GASP... GASP... I'VE DONE IT! HA, HA... I WON... I'M FREE!
TIME WAS FLEETING FOR ANDERS! THE HORRIBLE HORDE WOULD BE PREPARING SOMETHING ESPECIALLY GRUESOME FOR HIM! HE HAD TO WARN THE WORLD ..
THESE ARE ALL THE CHARTS! THEY MUST BELIEVE ME! HEAVEN GIVE ME STRENGTH TO CONVINCE THEM!
BUT HOURS LATER...
NOW GET OUT! THE MAYOR CAN'T BE DISTURBED BY EVERY CRACKPOT THAT COMES TO SEE HIM!"ACCIDENTS BEING DELIBERATE," "GNOMES"! PAH!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL HAVE TO WARN THEM SOME OTHER WAY! I'LL BUY AN AD IN THE PAPER! I'LL SPEND ALL MY SAVINGS IF I MUST! I'LL A-A-AGH-H!
ANDERS-- JOHN ANDERS! HELLO, JOHN ANDERS! HELLO! HELLO! HA, HA!...

THE POLICE FOUND HIM LATER! SOMEONE HAD LODGED A COMPLAINT THAT THE CESSPOOL IN THEIR YARD WAS OVERFLOWING... SOMETHING WAS CLOGGING IT!!

AND UNDERGROUND IN THEIR GROTTO, THE STRANGE GNOMES CHORTLED IN GLEE! THEY KNEW THAT ANDERS COULD NEVER CONQUER THEM! THEY KEPT THE LIFE SOULS OF MAN IN THOSE LIGHTS THEIR MASTER, YOU SEE, WAS... **DEATH!**

THE END

The Deadly Oriental Fighting Art of Instantaneous Death That Requires No Strength or CLOSE BODY CONTACT.

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WHAT KUNG FU WILL MEAN TO YOU

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THE ZOMBIES

WHAT IS THE DREADFUL HORROR ...THE UNBELIEVABLE FORCE THAT PLACES PEOPLE FOREVER IN THE GHOULISH RANKS OF...

OSCAR FRAGA

APPROACHING THE CITY IN THE DESERT, THE MEN FIND ONLY DECAY AND SILENCE THAT STRIKES THEM WITH TERROR!
IT SEEMS TO BE THE RUINS OF SOME ANCIENT CITY!
THERE'S A STRANGE FEELING IN THE AIR... AS IF DEATH HAD NEVER LEFT!
SANDERS! LOOK!
YAA-HH
THEY... THEY SEEM LIKE MEN WHO HAVE WANDERED FROM THE GRAVE!
LIKE ZOMBIES!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US? WE MEAN YOU NO HARM!
THAT MUST BE THEIR CHIEF APPROACHING!
WE ARE AN ACCURSED TRIBE ...DEAD THESE MANY YEARS... DOOMED BY OUR GOD KALU TO WANDER THE RUINS OF OUR CITY!!
WE CAN RETURN TO OUR BURIAL MOUND ONLY WHEN WE HAVE SHED THE BLOOD OF A LIVING HUMAN!!...

...AND ONE HAS COME TO US AT LAST!!
KALU MUST BE APPEASED!! WE MUST RETURN TO OUR GRAVES!!

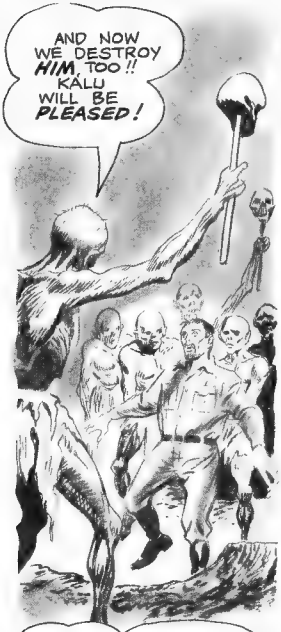
SEIZE HIM!
NO! NO! LET ME GO!!

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HIM?? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO??
KALU CALLS HIM TO HIS SACRED PIT OF KNIVES!! HE MUST BE ANSWERED!!

THE SHARP KNIVES HAVE WAITED MANY YEARS FOR YOUR BLOOD! THEY ARE HUNGRY TO PIERCE YOUR FLESH!
NO!

KALU!! HE IS YOURS!
NO!! DON'T!!

SCREAMING WITH THE WILD AGONY BEFORE SUDDEN DEATH, SANDERS IS FLUNG INTO THE DEADLY PIT...
AAARRGHH


AND NOW WE DESTROY HIM, TOO!! KALU WILL BE PLEASED!

WAIT! WE HAVE BROKEN THE CURSE WITH THE BODY OF HIS FRIEND!! THERE IS NOTHING MORE THAT CAN BE ASKED OF US NOW!!

SUDDENLY, AN ANGUISHED MOAN FROM THE PIT OF KNIVES BREAKS UPON THE VOICES OF THE LIVING DEAD..
THE PIT!! A HAND IS RISING FROM THE PIT!!

IT IS HE WHOM WE HAVE JUST THROWN INTO THE PIT!!
WHY DOES HE RETURN THIS WAY?? IS NOT KALU SATISFIED?

MY EYES CANNOT GAZE ON HIM!!
SPEAK TO US!! WHAT IS THE WILL OF OUR GOD??

SUDDENLY, A BOLT OF LIGHTNING ANNOUNCES THE COMING OF THE FEARED ONE, THE APPROACH OF A GIANT FROM THE WORLD OF DARKNESS!...

KALU! WE HAVE SHED THE BLOOD OF A LIVING HUMAN...AND YET HE RISES FROM HIS DEATH. WHY IS OUR CURSE NOT ENDED?

MY PIT OF KNIVES IS SACRED! I WILL NOT HAVE IT SOILED BY THIS HALF DEAD MAN! HE MUST GO WITH YOU TO YOUR BURIAL MOUND!!

NO! NO! THIS CANNOT BE!!

KALU, OUR BURIAL MOUND IS SACRED TO US! THE BODY OF THIS MAN MUST NOT REST THERE! WE CANNOT DO AS YOU SAY!

YOU FOOLS! I DEMAND THAT YOU OBEY ME! I AM YOUR GOD AND YOUR LEADER!!

SHOW YOUR OBEDIENCE TO ME!! FLING HIM INTO THE PIT OF KNIVES!! THIS IS MY WILL!!

WE WILL NOT DO THIS IF WE MUST BURY HIM IN OUR SACRED GROUND!
NO! NO! WE MUST RETURN ALONE TO OUR GRAVES BEYOND THE HILL!!

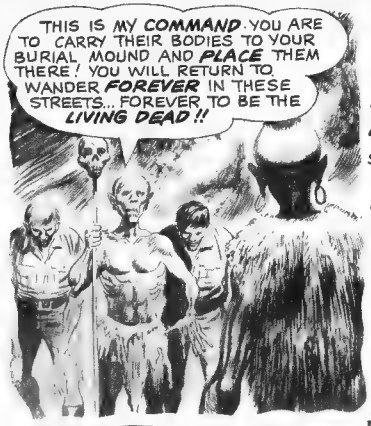
THEN I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT IT MEANS TO DEFY ME!!
YAAAH-H-H!! DON'T! DON'T!

AGAIN A BODY IS TOSSED TO ITS BLOODY DOOM IN THE LOATHESOME PIT...AND AGAIN A SHRIEK OF AGONY...
AARRGHH

KALU! WE KNOW YOUR POWER AND WE BEG FORGIVENESS! WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

RISE UP FROM THE PIT, MAN OF DISTANT LAND! RISE WITH YOUR DEATH WOUNDS FRESH AND BLEEDING

AS BEFORE A GHASTLY BEING EMERGES FROM THE PIT, DEAD AND YET NOT DEAD..A KNIFE RIDDEN MASS OF HUMAN FLESH!!...



ONCE MORE A BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIKES SUDDENLY... AND KALU RETURNS TO HIS PAGAN WORLD OF DARKNESS.

THEIR RAVAGED FACES FILLED WITH DREAD OF THE BLOODY APPARITIONS WHO ARE TO LIE IN THEIR GRAVES THE ZOMBIES BEGIN THEIR TERRIBLE TASK!...

AND SO AS THE DAY DEEPENS THE SILENT DESERT LOOKS UPON A WEIRD PROCESSION OF MARCHING ZOMBIES, DOOMED NEVER TO REST BUT TO WANDER LIKE LOST SOULS THROUGH THE LONG PATHWAYS OF ETERNITY!

NIGHTMARE

FEW YOUNG ACTORS ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE TUTORED BY A THEATRICAL GENIUS! SIMON FENTON WAS ONE OF THESE ...BUT WHEN HE TURNED ON HIS TUTOR, HIS LESSONS BECAME A...

DO YOUR LAST SPEECH AGAIN, FENTON! IF YOU WANT TO SUCCEED ME AS THE LEADING ACTOR, YOU'VE GOT TO WORK HARD!

WHEREVER HE WALKS, JASON WORTHINGTON FINDS HIS PATH LINED WITH AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS...

PLEASE, MR. WORTHINGTON!

WHY CERTAINLY!

JASON! HOW ABOUT A BITE OF SOMETHING?

THANKS, JOHNNY, BUT SOME OTHER TIME! THERE'S A YOUNG SHAKESPEAREAN COMPANY PERFORMING LATER! I THINK I'LL DROP BY!

LATER
MR. WORTHINGTON! THIS IS AN HONOR!
THANK YOU, BUT I'M JUST ANOTHER SPECTATOR HERE!
AS THE PLAY BEGINS WORTHINGTON'S CASUAL INTEREST IS TRANSFORMED INTO GENUINE ATTENTIVENESS!
THAT BOY PLAYING HAMLET! HE HAS THE MAKINGS OF A REALLY FINE ACTOR! I'LL TALK TO HIM LATER!
CONGRATULATIONS, LAD! YOU'LL BE A GREAT ACTOR SOME DAY! MY NAME IS JASON WORTHINGTON! WHAT'S YOURS?
JASON WORTHINGTON! I... I MEAN... I'M SIMON FENTON!
ACTORS WITH YOUR ABILITY DON'T COME ALONG TOO OFTEN, FENTON! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO UNDERSTUDY ME IN HAMLET?
WOULD I! MR. WORTHINGTON, THIS IS THE GREATEST HONOR EVER BESTOWED UPON ME!
SIMON FENTON PROFITS GREATLY BY THE MASTER'S TUTORING!
REMEMBER... NOTICE HOW I HANDLE THE SWORD AS THOUGH I INTENDED TO MURDER WITH IT... NOT ACT WITH IT!
I SEE, SIR!
BUT ABOUT THE DEATH ITSELF... HOW SHOULD I FALL TO THE GROUND?
THERE'S TIME FOR THAT, FENTON! YOU MUST LEARN HOW TO BE MORTALLY WOUNDED BEFORE LEARNING HOW TO FALL! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO BE ONSTAGE!

ALONE IN WORTHINGTONS DRESSING ROOM SIMON FENTON'S TRUE EMOTIONS ARE SUDDENLY BARED!
HE TREATS ME LIKE A CHILD! WHEN I, SIMON FENTON, AM A GREATER ACTOR THAN HE IS RIGHT NOW!
LOOK AT HIM! IN THE SPOTLIGHT WHILE I LANGUISH BACK HERE IN DARKNESS!
GREAT THEY SAY! BUT I AM GREATER!
MOMENTS LATER!
HOW WAS IT, FENTON?
HOW... I... ER... IT WAS SUPERB, MR. WORTHINGTON, SUPERB!
REALLY? I HOPE YOU PROFITED BY IT ALSO, FENTON!
ER... I'M SURE I DID!
LATER THAT EVENING SIMON FENTON RETURNS TO HIS ROOM... HIS PERSPECTIVE BLURRED BY HATRED!
DID I PROFIT FROM HIS PERFORMANCE, HE ASKED! LET HIM PROFIT FROM MINE! BUT WHAT CHANCE HAVE I TO DISPLAY MY GREATNESS! I'M HIS UNDERSTUDY AND HE NEVER MISSES A PERFORMANCE!
IBSEN
THE KING LEAR
THE TIME HAS COME FOR SIMON FENTON TO TAKE MATTERS IN HIS OWN HANDS! HA, HA, HA!
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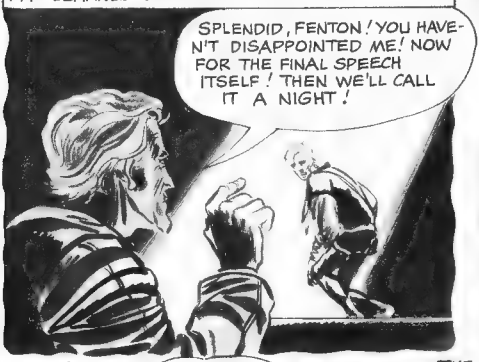
AND LATE THE NEXT NIGHT, THE LUST RIDDEN NEOPHYTE WAITS FOR JASON WORTHINGTON TO COME TO HIS DRESSING ROOM...
YOUR LAST APPEARANCE, WORTHINGTON! HEH HEH! TOMORROW MY NAME SHALL ADORN THIS DOOR!
JASON WORTHINGTON
OH...ER...FENTON! HELLO! WHAT ARE... THAT KNIFE...!
YES, WORTHINGTON! A LOVELY KNIFE!
AND YOU NEEDN'T TEACH ME HOW TO USE IT!
ARRGGH
THE GREAT ACTOR IS DEAD! AND THE MADDENED FENTON, SENSING HIS HOUR OF TRIUMPH IS NEAR, HURRIEDLY TRANSPORTS THE BODY OF JASON WORTHINGTON TO THE WOODS.
HA HA! NOW FOR A QUICK BURIAL AND BACK TO THE THEATER TO PORTRAY MY VERSION OF HAMLET!
SLEEP WELL, WORTHINGTON! GOODNIGHT, SWEET PRINCE! HA HA HA!
THE THEATRICAL WORLD SHALL LONG REMEMBER THIS FATEFUL NIGHT! THE NIGHT JASON WORTHINGTON SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED AND HIS UNDERSTUDY ROCKETED INTO FAME AND FORTUNE!

FENTON RETURNS TO THE THEATER BUT AS HE STANDS IN THE WINGS AWAITING HIS ENTRANCE...
NO! WORTHINGTON! BUT IT... CANNOT BE! I'VE KILLED HIM!
WILD-EYED AND HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR, FENTON RACES FROM THE THEATER!
NO! HE'S DEAD! AM I LOSING MY MIND? THE GRAVE! I MUST GO TO THE GRAVE!
HE'S HERE! I MUST HAVE IMAGINED IT! BACK TO THE THEATER! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO PERFORM!
THE CRAZED ACTOR RETURNS TO THE THEATRE, AND VIEWS A SPECTACLE THAT MAKES HIS BLOOD CONGEAL!
JASON!
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, FENTON!
LET ME ALONE, WORTHINGTON! I... I... KILLED YOU!
BUT THE MURDERER'S HEAD-LONG FLIGHT IS ABRUPTLY ENDED BY A COMMAND FROM THE APPARITION AND SIMON FENTON FREEZES IN HIS TRACKS...
COME, FENTON! JOIN ME!
GO TO THE STAGE, FENTON! YOUR DEATH SCENE STILL NEEDS POLISHING!

JASON'S TONE IS THAT OF A PROFESSOR ADDRESSING A DELINQUENT PUPIL... AND THE FEAR STRICKEN SIMON FENTON SERVILELY OBEYS...

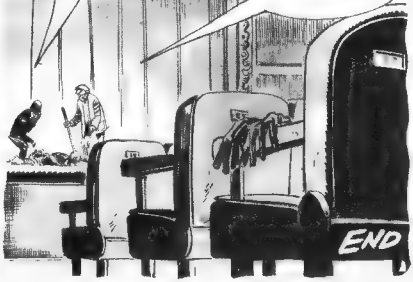
AND ON INTO THE NIGHT THE GROTESQUE SPIRIT OF JASON WORTHINGTON PATIENTLY TEDIOUSLY DIRECTS THE FORESAKEN SIMON FENTON.

AND AS THE GREY DAWN APPROACHES, THE APPARITION IS SATISFIED THAT HIS PROTEGE HAS LEARNED HIS LESSONS WELL!



BUT THE STRANGE POWERS OF RETRIBUTION CAN NEVER BE DENIED AND PERHAPS THEY ACT WITH GREATER DRAMA AND IRONY IN A BACKGROUND SUCH AS THIS... FOR AS SIMON ENACTS THE DEATH SCENE OF HAMLET, HE CRUMBLES TO THE STAGE IN A DEATH FAR MORE JUST AND REALISTIC! HIS OWN!

THE NEXT DAY FENTON'S DEAD BODY WAS FOUND BUT UNNOTICED IN THE CONFUSION ARE SEVERAL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING LEFT ON A SEAT...



death DEMON
A GENERAL STORE, IN SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES, NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER....
CHUCK! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
I NEED THE DOUGH, HENDERSON!
KNITEL
MISTE
HAVE TO PLAY IT SAFE, OLD MAN!
NO, CHUCK, DON'T YAAAAH!
BLAM
CARLOTTA WILL BE MIGHTY NICE TO ME WHEN SHE SEES THIS DOUGH!
LATER...ACROSS THE BORDER, LOS PERDIDOS, A SMALL MEXICAN TOWN....
HELLO, BABY!
I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM ME, SEÑOR CHUCK! I DO NOT LOVE YOU!
BUT YOU MIGHT LOVE THIS!
BLOOD MONEY! YOU STOLE IT! GET OUT---THE MARK OF DEATH IS ON YOU! SEE! THERE---IN THE CARDS!
THE DEATH CARD! IT TELLS ME YOU WILL DIE--AND SOON!
CARLOTTA, IT'S ALL MULLARKY! YOU TRYING TO SCARE CHUCK HANSON? HAH!
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THE CARDS SAY YOU WILL DIE BY WATER!
YOU'RE CRAZY! TEQUILA, MAYBE! YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

I WILL NOT GO!
PULL A KNIFE, WILL YOU, YOU WILDCAT! YOU'RE GOING TO DO AS I SAY!

NO! I MEAN IT!
MY ARM!

YAAHHH!
BANG
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NO! CARLOTTA! I DIDN'T MEAN IT! I LOST MY HEAD!

STOP STARING AT ME...IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, I TELL YOU! I'LL GET RID OF THOSE STARING EYES FOREVER!

I'D BETTER GET AS FAR AWAY AS I CAN!
CRACK!

FOR WEEKS HE WANDERS, HUNTED BY THE MEMORY OF CARLOTTA! HE TAKES TO DRINK, AND ONE DAY....
SHE SAID I'D DIE BY WATER! HA, HA! READ IT IN THE CARDS!
THE CARDS ARE NEVER WRONG!
WHO SAID THAT? CARLOTTA! I'M FALLING!
THE PROPHECY SHALL BE CARRIED OUT! DEATH TOLD ME, CHUCK!
CHUCK MANAGED TO GRAB A LOW BRANCH AND SAVED HIMSELF FROM THE SWIFT MOVING CURRENT!
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! I'LL PULL A JOB... GET SOME MONEY AND HIT FOR THE NEAREST SEAPORT!
CHUCK ROBS A GAS STATION BORDERING THE DESERT.
...MONEY AND WATER TO GET ACROSS THE DESERT... NOT A BAD HAUL!..
....BACK OFF, MISTER!
HOLD IT! DON'T TAKE THAT CAR!
NOBODY TELLS CHUCK HANSON WHAT TO DO!
BANG!
BANG!
I--I WAS....GOING TO TELL HIM THE GAS TANK LEAKS... I DIDN'T....

MILES INTO THE DESERT..
MOTOR'S CONKING OUT...WONDER WHAT'S WRONG?
CAN YOU BEAT IT....NO GAS! WHAT A SAP I WAS NOT TO CHECK! I'M PARCHED....GET SOME WATER!
EMPTY! BUT IT WAS FULL WHEN I STARTED! HOW....?
I POURED OUT THE WATER, SEÑOR CHUCK!
YOU! NO! GET AWAY!
NOT UNTIL YOU DIE LIKE THE CARDS SAID....
FLEEING IN BLIND TERROR, CHUCK LOSES HIS WAY! TORTURED BY THE BURNING SUN AND THE AGONY OF THIRST, UNTIL....
WATER! A WATER HOLE! I'VE BEATEN YOUR CARDS, CARLOTTA! HAHA HA HA HA!
HE DRINKS DEEPLY OF THE BRAKISH WATER! A MOMENT LATER....
AAA! MY THROAT'S ON FIRE! I'M DYING! HELP! AAAGH!
SOON, WRITHING IN TORMENT CHUCK IS OVERTAKEN BY DEATH...
I TOLD YOU, CHUCK....CARLOTTA NEVER LIES!
NEXT DAY....A POSSE COMES UPON CHUCK'S BODY....
THE FOOL DRANK FROM THIS POISON ALKALI WATER HOLE!
THUS, THE PROPHECY CAME TRUE.. ....CHUCK DIED BY WATER! CARLOTTA'S CARDS WERE NEVER WRONG!
The End

BURN, WITCH, BURN!

HEH! HEH! HEH! SOON THE LIGHTNING AND THE THUNDER SHALL REACH THEIR PEAK AND YE SHALL FEEL MY WRATH! HEH-HA-HA!

DELIA ZARBO WAS BEWITCHINGLY BEAUTIFUL, CUNNING AND SHREWD! THE ENTIRE TOWN KNEW OF HER UNCANNY POWER OF RESTORING LIFE TO THE SICK AND DYING!! SHE WAS RESPECTED... BUT SHE WAS ALSO FEARED!
JOHNNY... COME HERE!
YES, MADAM!
WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOTHER CALLING ME A WITCH? DO YOU BELIEVE IT? LOOK AT ME!
N-NO, MA'AM! IF--IF I DID, I WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW... WOULD I?
PLEASE, DELIA! MY POP'S VERY SICK! Y-YOU CAN MAKE HIM WELL... YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE HIM WELL!
HMMM-- ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY... I KNOW YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH! YES! I'LL HELP YOUR FATHER!
DELIA ALWAYS HELPED! SHE WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE WHEN DEATH PERCHED ON A DYING PERSON'S SHOULDER! SOMETIMES SHE DID BRING THEM BACK FROM THE VEIL OF THE BEYOND...SOMETIMES SHE DIDN'T...
I--I'M DYING, DELIA! LEAVE ME IN PEACE!
PERHAPS YOU WON'T DIE AFTER ALL!
NO! DON'T TORMENT ME!
LOOK INTO MY EYES! INTO MY EYES! SIDNEY ROGERS... LOOK... LOOK!
HE MAN UTTERED ONE SMALL GASP... THEN...
LOOK AT ME, SIDNEY ROGERS! I SUMMON YOU FORTH! COME FORTH!
OHHH-H! OHHH-H!

EEEEEEE! DON'T FORCE HIM ANYMORE! LET HIM BE! MY HUSBAND IS DEAD! LET HIM BE WITCH! WITCH!! GET OUT! GET OUT!

YOU HAVE BROKEN THE SPELL! YOUR HUSBAND IS NOW LOST TO YOU FOREVER! FOOL! YOU HAVE DISTURBED MY MIND-POWER!
GET OUT! YOU'RE EVIL! EVIL!

DELIA ROSE AND LEFT QUIETLY! IN HER OWN HUT HIGH IN THE MOUNTAIN, SHE CHANTED SOFTLY TO HERSELF A STRANGE BREW FOR INDEED... DELIA ZARBO WAS A WITCH!
SHE LOOKED SO TERROR-STRICKEN... SO HELPLESS WHILE I MUTTERED MY MUMBO-JUMBO ON HER WRETCH OF A HUSBAND! NOW I SHALL CAST MY REAL SPELL! HA! HA!
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ARISE

WHO CALLS? OHH! LET US BE! WE HAVE NEWLY DIED! LET US BE! WE PLEAD WITH YOU!
ARISE! ARISE!! IT IS THE WITCH THAT CALLS!

OHHHH!-- I HEAR YOU, WITCH! I--I AM COMING... I--I OBEY!
QUICKLY! HEED MY ORDER! ARISE, AND COME TO ME! TOO-O MEE-EE!

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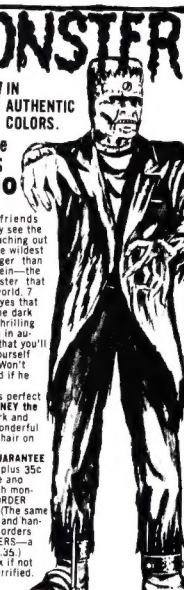

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THE HOUSE BURNED DOWN TO THE GROUND... AND...

BURN HER! SHE'S A WITCH! BURN HER AT THE STAKE! LOOK AT HER! WITCH! WITCH!

NO! YOU'RE INSANE! ALL OF YOU! I'VE DONE NOTHING! HELP!

THEY TIED HER TO A STAKE AND FED THE FLAMES! ZARBO STRUGGLED UNTIL SHE COULDN'T STRUGGLE ANYMORE! THEN...

FOOLS! YOU CALL ME A WITCH! THEN WITCH I SHALL BECOME! YE SHALL FEEL THE POWER OF A WITCH! YES! HA! HA!

THE FLAMES SEARED HER FACE AND THE FLAME-LICKED SKIN TRICKLED DOWN HER FACE IN BOILING GLOBS...

HA! HA! YE SHALL WITNESS YOUR OWN DEATHS YET! HA, HA!

HA! HA! HA!

STRIKE, YE LIGHTNING! ROAR, YE THUNDER! BURN AND KILL THEM! LET THEIR BONES ROT WITH MOULDERING MISERY! HEH! HEH! HEH!

LOOK! OH, LOOK! EEEEE! SHE HAS CHANGED! THE GROUND IS OPENING UP IN FRONT OF HER!

THEN, CORPSES FROM THE GRAVE... CORPSES ALREADY DECAYED, ROSE AND ADVANCED TOWARD THE VILLAGERS...

KILL THEM! EMBRACE THEIR NECKS WITH YOUR SLIMY CLAWS! LET THEM ALL KNOW THE REVENGE OF A WITCH!

NO ONE SURVIVED TO TELL THE STORY-- THE PEOPLE AND THE VILLAGERS OF HAWKINS--ALL WENT UP IN CONSUMING FLAMES! HOW DO I KNOW IT? SIMPLE! MY REVENGE, NATURALLY... NEVER INCLUDED ME!

End